(vii) Training and inter-State study tour of farmers.

For promotion of aquaculture, the following thrust areas have been identified by the MPEDA:

I. Bringing additional area under culture; and

II. Making acquaculture sustainable through (i) disease prevention and control through food farm and health management; and (ii) environmental management and eco-friendly farming practices.

(e) A target of US $ 1300 million has been fixed for export of marine products from India during 2004-05.

Extension of political risk cover for FDI and overseas projects

1769. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend political risk cover for FDI and the projects abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Overseas Investment Insurance Scheme operated by the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd., a Government of India enterprise, provides protection for Indian Investments abroad. Investment made by way of equity capital or untied loan for the purpose of setting up or expansion of overseas projects is eligible for cover under the Overseas Investment Insurance Scheme. The risks of war, expropriation and restriction on remittances are covered under this scheme.

Foreign capital investment

t1770. SHRI MOTILAL .VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has invited the Non-Resident Indians to invests in India;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.